

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: rflight@VNET.IBM.COM
Subject: [2807] A birthday to remember
Message-ID: <199601151831.NAA57881@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Happy birthday Paul (AA4XX) the grand old man of QRP.

The lites were out for the Knights of 80 last night, but I did what any absent minded turkey (er ham) of my vintage, and took the chance that I might be able to check-in even though I showed up 25 minutes late.

I heard Paul in QSO with a Fla station, and he mentioned the net was a no show, so I broke in to let him know I would be on the channel when he cleared.

I heard several stations tuning up on frequency when Paul called me, and suggested he attempt to call the net. He informed me that it was Warren's turn in the barrel (AD4ZE). I called Warren and discovered he and Paul were having much difficulty copying each other, even though I had them both 100 percent. I am very near the midpoint between them both, at less than 10 miles to each of them, so Paul dubbed me as net control. I then began to pretend as though I knew what I was doing and called the net and immediately got a check in from a VE1 (Lloyd in Nova Scotia). I don't have my log with me, and can't recall the callsign. We had a brief exchange, but I lost him after I stopped to pick up Paul (AA4XX) and Warren (AD4ZE).

It was indeed a wierd experience. I was hearing many stations tuning up, and heard an NCS in Ct as well and I think another Tn attempting separate nets around 2300. I was going to attempt linking up with the Ct net, but was QRM'ed by Paul in the middle and wasn't able to copy much in the pileup. Warren didn't hear anything by me until nearly 2300 when he began to hear Paul in the noise, and Paul was able to catch Warren much of the time but only at about 229.

All I can say is that I must have been in the eye of a propagation hurricane. I'll call it a North Carolina twister to differentiate it from the more meterological variety known as the Texas twister :-). I don't know if I was being heard for the pile-up cluttering the channel. I never thought I would hear so many CW stations in such a tight cluster. Amazing... simply amazing.

If I didn't know better (a very high probability I don't), I would swear I worked Lloyd via long path. He was quite strong S-7 to S-9 much of the time, and 100 percent copy. Copy was rough, but not for lack of SNR or for QLF. His signal was simply immersed in multipath. It had the characteristic long path echo that sounds a bit like shipping the CW down a sewer pipe. The echo was so strong that it required trememdous concentration to copy him.

This was an evening to remember, and a real test of the limits of my concentration. I actually attempted to copy two stations at once (don't try

this at home..) when Paul so rudely interrupted me :-) Only kidding Paul... I was hell bent on linking up with the Ct NCS who was only a couple S-units lower than you, and I attempted to copy him while still trying to be fair to you and copy you at the same time.... Yeah right...). Perhaps this would have worked if I used colored pencils, and wrote your stuff in green and the NCS in CT in red :-) Needless to say this was quite frustrating for my first attempt at being NCS in nearly 28 years. I don't seem to remember having this trouble as a shipboard op in the Navy:-)

Can somebody post the list of QN? and number abbreviations? I assume QNI means "check-in" with perhaps QNI? meaning "are there any check-in's ?", 72 means something less than 73, and 30 is "da da da dat's all folks!", but my mis-information list ends there. Any help with this would be greatly depreciated.

I think the Knights of Karumbas have had a taste of all versions of net chaos now. Night 1 everybody & his siblings..., night 2 - stayed in town, night 3 - fading memory, night 4 - (at least one no-show.... aka me), night 5 - DX by candlelight, and night 6 - sporadic easy or Knight's lite out.

What fun....., and may you live to be 44 many times over Paul... Happy birthday old... old..., I mean where talkin' antique here, very very very old, and quite spry for one of your years I must say.... man.

000 through lazy 8 (aka infinity)...to be sure to cover all appropriate levels of greetings to all, and at least all the seventies and eighties to the rest.

CU all agn next Sunday or thereabouts.

de N3G0 - former NCS didnt wannabee

Gary / Raleigh, N.C.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Steve Thompson <kj7dn@primenet.com>
Subject: [2796] Alternative to Group Buy
Message-ID: <Pine.BSD.3.91.960115073539.29170C-100000@usr4.primenet.com>

Hi:

For those of you who would like to go with the group buy, but might be a little short of funds, or want to hold off a bit, the same prices as the group buy can be gotten from Radio Devices. At least, this is true in the case of the Explorer II that I got from them for \$89 and the WM-1 Wattmeter for \$69.

I'm not trying to discourage participation in the group buy, just want you to know that some good prices can also be gotten at Radio Devices.

And ... no, I don't have any connection to Radio Devices and I am not profitting in any way by telling u abt this. I found them on AA7TQ's home page (<http://www.primenet.com/~aa7tq>).

73,

Steve

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| Home of Superbowl XXX               H          of an OHR Explorer II 40M  |
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: PaulKB8N@aol.com
Subject: [2806] Argosy Sold, Thanks
Message-ID: <960115125458_42412512@emout06.mail.aol.com>

Thanks to all who responded. The Argosy sold very quickly. Antenna tuner is still for sale. Thanks, Paul, KB8N

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: kd7s@valleynet.com (Bill Jones)
Subject: [2790] Autek QF-1 Audio Filter
Message-ID: <199601150505.VAA23759@sierra.valleynet.com>

I recently became the owner of a vintage Autek QF-1 (not QF-1A) audio filter. Does anyone have either a manual or just a schematic for this device? I believe this filter would make a good companion to my HW-8 Field Day station.

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Bill Jones - KD7S <><
QRP-L Member #85

Sanger, California
Reply to kd7s@valleynet.com
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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: nf0r@slacc.com
Subject: [2801] Correction to 40M Portable Loop Posting
Message-ID: <9601151007.D6445sr@slacc.com>

Got up this morning, read the posting I placed last night on the QRP-L regarding the 40M portable loop and noticed an error.

The "QRP x QRP" ragchew with K8BVJ is not accurate. Jack was running a couple of watts and I was running 50W, which is probably why he gave me a 589! <grin> I gave him a 459 at the start though he was up and down >from that during the entire ragchew.

I suppose the best twist I can put on this is the little loop "hears" pretty well! <grin> Anyway, apologies for the error in the original posting.

Four messages have already been received about this loop project. I don't think builders will be disappointed if they want to give it a try.

73 de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
Subject: [2800] Dentron MLX
Message-ID: <9601151555.AA11149@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Mike, KE4PC, sounds like you may have a fairly rare find. I remember those units along with a couple of QRO transceivers being advertised in the late 70's. One rumor had it that they were being marketed for the South American market. The MLX versions were single band 80-20, possibly 15 meters. I have never seen any of them or heard any on the air - so don't know if they ever got out in any number. The company was DENTRON, out of Ohio (possibly Akron) maker of QRO equipment, linears, tuners, etc, owner was Denny Hadd, K8???. I used to talk to him on occasion on 15 meters, but not in recent years. The only listing

I could find was for a Dennis L. Hadd, KB80BF, Akron, Ohio. If that is the case, either a relative or a lapse in license and new call. Peter Dahl, K0BIT, here in El Paso, maker of QRO transformers, etc used to be in close contact with Denny, he may have later info. Sorry I could not be more help. I post this to the list as others in their early QRO days may recall more details of the Dentron line for your info. 72/73

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Ray Colbert, W5XE/V31XE, El Paso, Tx

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: QLF@mimi@magic.itg.ti.com
Subject: [2821] DENTRON MLX-xx RADIOS
Message-ID: <9601160054.AA19500@itg.ti.com>

From: Brad Bradfield QLF

Subj: DENTRON MLX-xx RADIOS

One thing that I forgot to mention in my earlier post today on the partial Dentron MLX-xx radio that KC5NG bought is that he said the main board was made by Mizuho. He didn't know if Mizuho had used this board in a radio of their own as well, or if it was built strictly for Dentron. My guess is that it was not built strictly for Dentron.

73's

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Aa4xx <aa4xx@nando.net>
Subject: [2791] Durham NC QRP Meeting !!! (fwd)
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960115012009.13500D-100000@bessel.nando.net>

Hi Gang,

I'm reposting this message for the benefit of some of the new folks on the list. If anyone in the Southern Wake County area would like to carpool with me, please let me know. It would be fun to travel with a group.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at Dave's home on the 25th of January. Spread the word, anyone who is interested in QRP is invited.
72,

Paul, AA4XX (919) 779-1637

Forwarded Message Follows:

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Durham NC QRP Meeting !!!

Announcing another fun, informal gathering of Triangle Area QRPers!
All persons interested in low-power amateur radio communications are invited and encouraged to attend! Please spread the news about this meeting!

Time: 7:00 pm

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Scott Rosenfeld NF3I <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
Subject: [2817] Explorer 30m sold
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9601151723.A23582-0100000@w3eax.umd.edu>

Thanks! Awaiting the check in the mail.

Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19 QRV 40-10/6/2/440
** Yes, you CAN do VHF contests with 25W and omni antennas **
Still stuck at 138 countries confirmed on HF w/dipoles...
72 & 73 from suburban DC 301-549-1022 (h) 301-982-1015 (w)

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: carreiro@netcom.com (Paul Carreiro)
Subject: [2813] FISTS CW Club Info...
Message-ID: <199601152143.NAA03426@netcom4.netcom.com>

I have been overwhelmed for info on the FISTS CW Club which I made reference to in my Novice Roundup posting. If anyone else would like info via private E-Mail, please drop me a message.

Quickly, the FISTS CW Club is an international organization devoted to the preservation, promotion, mentoring and fun of CW (Morse Code) mode of operation. This is not a club of QRQ fast ops. We have members of all levels of proficiency from just learning the letters to lightning speed. All that is required for membership (other than the dues) is the love of CW.

Again, if you are interested.. send me private email, not via the list.

ObQRP: There is a very large QRP contingent within the FISTS Club as you might imagine. QRP related items do appear in our monthly newsletter, the "Key Note" often. Even our very own K5F0 is a member! Sheesh.. we will take anybody! ;)

73/72 Paul N6HCS /M /QRP /QRQ

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>
Subject: [2797] FS WM-1 Wattmeter
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960115102036.9210A-1000000@autarch.acsu.buffalo.edu>

I have an Autek WM-1 computing SWR/WATTMETER for sale. It displays RF out/SWR on separate meters. Works great for QRP. (look for info in current QST Autek Research ad. Would consider trade for Norcal 40A or sell for \$80.00 (shipped ups). phone (716)668-6830.

73,

Jim N2GO
The Buffalo QRP CONNECTION

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: PaulKB8N@aol.com
Subject: [2816] FTuner Parts Kits
Message-ID: <960115173240_42711388@emout05.mail.aol.com>

Forwarded message:
From: MAILER-DAEMON@aol.com (Mail Delivery Subsystem)
To: PaulKB8N@aol.com
From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: thom.lacosta@fido261.qis.net (Thom LaCosta)
Subject: [2793] HAMLIB
Message-ID: <06b_9601150822@fido261.qis.net>

* Copied (from: ham_tech) by Thom LaCosta using timEd 1.10+.

Hello All!

Well, sorry to many who followed the instructions for getting the
help message from HAMLIB vis netmail.

There was a typo...correction below:

To get the help file from HAMLIB

>From Fido...send netmail(routed OK) to
HAMLIB 1:261/1352
In the text body have
FIND: .HELP

>From the Internet...send E-Mail to
hamlib@fido261.qis.net
In the text body have
FIND: .HELP

Sorry for the confusion...I intercepted as many messages as I could and
changed them.

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| Standard disclaimer: The views of this user are strictly his own.

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From: hughm@well.com (Hugh Matheson)

Subject: [2814] Help with NorCal 40A mod

Message-ID: <199601152145.NAA09914@well.com>

My NorCal 40A worked perfectly until I recently installed a KC1. Now I have an annoying "clack" or "bang" each time the TR switch shuts off receive and turns on transmit. The transmitted signal is not affected. The same "clack" occurs each time the KC1 sends a character. Anyone have a suggestion as to a cure? I do love the lil rig and the QSK was perfect prior to the modification.

Hugh <K6QD> hughm@well.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996

From: Brad Mugleston <bmug@gw1.com>

Subject: [2809] I PASSED

Message-ID: <199601151900.AA08644@gp-ipc28.gw1.com>

Saturday may son and I went to the Longmont, Colorado swap fest - didn't buy anything we were looking for but we both PASSED our 5wmp tests!!!!!! Its been a long hard haul but We passed.... Got some new software about two weeks ago and I believe it really helped.

Now to find that fox. Be kind to those of us in Colorado, the altitude makes it hard to hear in the thin air.

Brad KB0ROL

Derek KB0SJY

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From: "J. Skalski" <jskalski@acsu.buffalo.edu>

Subject: [2824] ICOM 735 on qrp?

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.960115205249.2373B-1000000@destrier.acsu.buffalo.edu>

I am interested in getting a 735 for qrp use. Does anyone on the list use one? I would be interested in your opinions. Does it have a separate rx input for low noise receiving antennas/loops? compatible with a computer interface? What power output? I have a QRP+,but would like to be able to

rx fm on 10m.

73,

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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: nf0r@slacc.com
Subject: [2789] Portable 40M Loop Antenna (Long)
Message-ID: <9601142257.D5113pI@slacc.com>

This is a follow-up to WA7FCU's posting on portable/hotel antennas several weeks ago. Using Bob's instructions, I built the "Distributed Capacity Twisted Loop" described in WA6QBU's original article in the September 1993 issue of 73-Amateur Radio Today.

Naturally, I made some changes! <grin> The length of my balanced-fed eighth-wave loop has been increased to an even 16', which resonates easily at the bottom of 40M. This seemed logical since all of my operating is CW though the new dimension was truly a "guesstimate". The shorted and open stubs remain at 2'2" and 1 3/4" respectively. I chose as balanced feedline for several reasons which includes plans for operating in multiple locations and the possibility of tuning the 40M version on higher frequencies.

The drudgery of pruning a coax fed antenna doesn't have much appeal anymore. But, instead of feedling with twinlead, I prefer using something which computer technicians call "blue hose". It's a shielded balanced line around 100 ohms impedance, minimizes pickup of man-made noise and is easy to handle. Alternatively, a shielded feedline made >from two identical runs of 50 or 70 ohm coax works just fine.

The reference article suggests a "delta" configuration for the loop. However, after experimenting with some 3/4" pvc pipe from other indoor antenna projects my configuration looks like a giant wooden kite frame. Slots were cut in the ends of the vertical and horizontal supports to accept the special narrow Radio Shack twinlead (15-1158) specified for the loop. The frame is supported by a matching lvc stand which places

the peak at normal ceiling height.

Using 17" pvc sections the disassembled frame and stand, plus antenna and feedline, fit comfortably into a standard business briefcase. It makes maybe five minutes to unpack and get on the air.

The loops complicated feedpoint seemed prone to damage and/or shorting out if not handled carefully. It has now been protected by sandwiching each of the four twinlead inputs between small pieces of clear plastic. A long nylon screw and wing nut secures the new "feedpoint" to the pvc upright.

Each twinlead section is drilled to accept a short nylon screw/nut. Corresponding holes for same have been drilled in the plastic mount. A durable attachment point for the "blue hose" was created by adding two separate brass screws which are in turn passed through one side of the plastic. This arrangement also insures that the "twist" placed in the loop is permanent.

A venerable Argo 509 and an original St. Louis Tuner were used for the initial tests. It took a few minutes to find the loop's resonant point. As expected, this is very sharp though the bandwidth is reasonable. Excursions of 10-15 kHz on 40M require re-tuning to retain an ideal 1:1 match. This is not unexpected with miniature HF antenna designs.

Anyway, with 5W and a nice 1:1 match showing on the tuner, I called CQ one afternoon on 7.040 and waited. W6SH0 in Sioux City, Iowa came right back with a 379. I responded with a very realistic 589. Now this may not sound exciting right off but it was to me! Iowa is only several hundred miles from St. Louis but the loop was standing next to the operating desk in the basement of my condo!!!!

Twenty QSO's later the loop has worked Montana (AB7BR) and Nevada (KF7HA) on 5W and once again, standing right here in the basement! The log also records a very pleasant late morning QRP x QRP ragchew with K8BVJ in Michigan, which lasted almost a full hour. With an Argosy II pushing 50W through an MFJ 941B tuner the loop will work most of what I hear on 40CW. Sorry, no real DX heard yet and maybe never, based on condx the last few days! <arrrrrh>

Today (Sunday, January 14), it jumped to a miraculous 68F which called for a quick portable expedition to my favorite schoolyard. It was just before dusk and an opportunity to use the loop outdoors for the first time. The MI-QRP CW contest was in progress. I mounted the antenna on a photographers tripod which put the loop's base up at 6'. Running 1W it took a few tries but two QRP stations in Michigan (K8NWD and K8BVJ) ended up in the log. Earlier in the day, same QRP contest, N4RA0 in Virginia was worked running 5W but with the loop parked in it's usual

corner in the basement!

The loop tunes on 30M, 20M and 15M but given recent band conditions nothing was heard or worked when I managed to get on the air. I suspect an underground location will not be as productive for signals on higher frequencies. But, outdoor performance promises to be very interesting and will be explored ASAP. The loop provides a noticeable null if rotated through a signal. Finally, it is very quiet, something cliffdwellers in particular find very desirable.

Portable and indoor antennas have been my "other hobby" for fifteen years. I'll tell you right now that this little loop (a.k.a. 'Lil Loopy) is quite something! It works as advertised, costs maybe five bucks worst case and takes only a couple of hours to build. Yep, this is a ringing endorsement and I'm going to start on a 20M version next week!

If you have already built WA6QBU's loop I'd appreciate hearing about your experiences. It will be helpful to have 20M loop dimensions before I start on one and thanks in advance. If you need help in completing a loop let me know and I'll be happy to assist. Please send e-mail questions or comments direct to: nf0r@slacc.com

73 de Dave, NF0R

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Duane Anderson <kj7ho@utah-inter.net>
Subject: [2792] QRP Dedicated Magazines
Message-ID: <30FA3E22.5B04@utah-inter.net>

I am looking for a publication (magazine) that deals primarily with QRP subjects with articles and homebrew projects. Anyone know of such?? Also, what is the best magazine for computer building??

Thanks es 72,
de Duane, KJ7HO
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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: QLF%mimi@magic.itg.ti.com
Subject: [2803] QRP-L
Message-ID: <9601151641.AA11552@itg.ti.com>

From: Brad Bradfield QLF

Subj: QRP-L

Just an FYI on the posts over the weekend on the Dentrol MLX radio. A friend here in Dallas (Dean, KC5NG) bought an MLX-40 at HAMCOM a few years ago from "someone" who had several in various stages of completion, non complete. He picked the one that appeared to be the most complete. The PA board was not complete on this one. The only documentation that the guy could give him was for an MLX-80, which was significantly different. It appeared that this guy must have bought out some of the remaining stock when Dentron either quit making the MLX radios, or went out of business.

He gave up on trying to get the transmitter completed and working, due to too many problems and too little documentation. The receiver works, and he has been slowly turning the works into a receiver only. He says the IF selectivity is terrible for CW, that it has birdies up the gazoo, and that he had to shield the counter to keep the digital birdies out of the radio. He also mentioned the undocumented add-on board to the VF0.

All-in-all, not one of ham radio's better projects.

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From: "Arjen Raateland, SYKE/YV, puh. 90-4030 0457" <Arjen.Raateland@vyh.fi>

Subject: [2811] Sierra board flexing

Message-ID: <01I021PEM6EC8Y5J2P@vyh21.vyh.fi>

Sierra builders,

Concern was voiced on this list that tightening the band module connector causes flexing of the board.

I cured the flexing by putting a washer under each end of the connector, i.e. between the board and the connector. The little bumps of plastic that are supposed to keep the connector away from the board don't seem to be able to withstand the pressure from the screws, I found. So I 'replaced' them with washers (abt. 0.6 mm, a little thinner than the ones under the head of the screw). Now the board stays flat. I had to slip the washers underneath after I had already done the soldering and took one of the crushed bumps away with a sharp knife.

The front pins of the switches needed a little sanding to take solder properly.

There seems to be a slight error in the parts list of the 40 m band module. There are two 820 pF monolithic capacitors in the list, but only position. Two C's were supplied. I don't think they should be in parallel, 820 pF is the proper value for C48. Other modules all have just one C48.

For what it is worth, my wife didn't like the color of the Sierra case. When I showed her my beauty, she immediately said it's Russian blue (many Russian houses and the new flag have this color, I think). The blue of the Finnish flag is distinctly different, you see. Being a run-away Dutchman in Finland, I don't have the same sensitivities about shades of blue, though. The kit is just beautiful.

73,
Arjen Raateland, OH2ZAZ, ex-PAoSCS
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From: JKXM17A@prodigy.com (ALLEN SMITH)
Subject: [2818] Ten Tec Corsair

Message-ID: <091.08730475.JKXM17A@prodigy.com>

In my continuing interest in QRP CW operation I am looking for a Ten Tec Corsair. Of course this is not strictly a QRP rig but one that can easily be operated at low power levels.

If a subscriber to QRP-L has one to sell please contact me by private email for details. Perhaps we can come to terms. Thanks and 72/Allen - AA0YU

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: "Jim Kortge, NU8N" <jokortge@sun.tir.com>
Subject: [2819] Updated Cascade Notes Available
Message-ID: <9601152336.AA21845@tir.com>

Just a quick note to the gang that I have finished (finally, you're saying) the updated notes on my construction of the Cascade on 40 and 17 meters. I have e-mailed the notes to several on the list, and will be happy to send out the updated version on request. I will not post to the group unless there is an overwhelming demand, and I go nuts trying to e-mail them out individually.

Thanks for the bandwidth!! :-)

72....Jim

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: ae4ic@nr.infi.net (BOB KELLOGG)
Subject: [2804] VANITY CALLS
Message-ID: <199601151654.LAA28604@moe.infi.net>

Well, OK, then, just turn in your 2X1 calls for 2x3's. But at at least tell your waiting audience WHY YOU WOULD DO THAT? I worked my posterior off to get an extra license and therefore an early gate for a "good" call. You guys flick them off like they are cracker crumbs. (I must admit, tho, I like my call and am not going to change it)

Bob Kellogg, AE4IC

Prolably, but not nececelery. - Benny Hill

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: bmitchel@kodak.com (Brad Mitchell)
Subject: [2795] vanity calsign
Message-ID: <9601151402.AA28438@iiatasun.cba.Kodak.COM>

I think I'll try for W2QRP.
It's not used, nor is it in any area..
:-)..
73 WB8YGG
Brad

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: CURTIVB@aol.com
Subject: [2805] Worldradio info
Message-ID: <960115120225_42361455@mail02.mail.aol.com>

Hello all

Can someone please guide me in the direction of Worldradio, Phone number or address? Thanks much.

Curt KA3IVB / from Pittsburgh

GO STEELERS!!!

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: "rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
Subject: [2810] RE: 7/8" hardline where to buy?
Message-ID: <n1390409387.67619@msmailgw1.arlut.utexas.edu>

Goran and the group,
The "cheap" source is the many cable TV systems in the USA using it, who throw away the last little bits left at the ends of the massive wooden reels. These are often 100 feet or less, but adequate for ham uses. Other sources besides friendly cable company installers would be metal recyclers, like one here who sells everything, electronics chassis or cable, or scrap metal by the pound of metal content! Internationally, I imagine Broadcast stations, or shortwave relay stations, or airport communications departments, or cable systems of resort hotels---all might be sources of good quality but discarded cable scraps, not necessarily hard line, but other high quality commercial coax.

Well worth investigation!

Good Luck,
Stuart K5KVH
rohre@arlut.utexas.edu

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: W3HMS@aol.com
Subject: [2787] Re: AOL-Wide EMAIL Problems; Resolution of
Message-ID: <960114224119_41956943@emout05.mail.aol.com>

Peter.....yes, AOL has been less than candid with their users. A good friend here has spoken with them several times and although there advice to him was useless, they did admit that many had the problem and it was NOT his problem. I phoned them before him and a decent chap told me it was a system wide problem and NOT my fault. I finally solved the problem by completely deleting the old AOL 2.5 and doing a relaod. Of course, I lost my Address Book and "My Favorite Places (I think) but did save a prior file which I will try to read. My friend was told that they will put out a message readable on sign-on which will explain what happened.....when they figure it out!!!!!!

73, John

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Stephen Trier <sct@po.cwru.edu>
Subject: [2822] Re: Dentron MLX
Message-ID: <199601160054.TAA16566@slc5.INS.CWRU.Edu>

William R Colbert writes:

> The company was DENTRON, out of Ohio (possibly Akron) maker of QRO
> equipment, linears, tuners, etc, owner was Denny Hadd, K8???.

I think it's K8KXK. Dennis was the first ham I met, back when I was in fourth grade. A ham up here in Ohio told me that Dennis had another ham radio company (a linear amplifier company) in NC, but he didn't know if the company is still around.

Stephen

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Stephen Trier KG8IH
sct@po.cwru.edu

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman)
Subject: [2823] Re: DENTRON MLX-xx RADIOS
Message-ID: <199601160157.RAA26772@netcom6.netcom.com>

>One thing that I forgot to mention in my earlier post today on the partial
>Dentron MLX-xx radio that KC5NG bought is that he said the main board was made
>by Mizuho. He didn't know if Mizuho had used this board in a radio of their
>own as well, or if it was built strictly for Dentron. My guess is that it was
>not built strictly for Dentron.

I had a MPX-mini 20M version late last year for a little while. I have a
number of Mizuho radios. Among the stuff I have/had, there is no resemblance
at all. The Dentron is/was direct conversion, DSB on phone, etc. The Mizuhos
I have are all single conversion superhet with VXO tuning.

73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu
Subject: [2788] Re: Low band beacons, low cost bacon & electric fish
Message-ID: <01I0000DLX6494G3LG@nova.wright.edu>

Ok, so like Phil Heaton like hears this beacon on 189 (was it?)
and wanted to know who it was. Hah! I don't know. So there!
However, since he did ask, and since I did just waste a bunch of
bandwidth giving him one of my moot but entertaining answers,
I thought it'd be interesting to see (a) if anyone knows who
is running MER at 1685.6+/- kHz, 'cause I heard that one just
this evening after blowing up another Radio Shack IRF510 or
whatever it was. (I'm gonna get a kit next time. I swear!)

Joe Cooper posted a list of VLF/LF project sources about a week
or so ago. I've sent off for a lot of that stuff, joined the
LWCA, renewed my relationship with Vygotskian pedagogical theories,
started (at last) on the final project for the MA and now am
wasting bandwidth. So...

I forgot about (b). (B) is simple enough: how many of this
list's readership are involved in the VLF nonsense. I'd like

to know, if only to know who else is nuts enough to do it. Then I'd like to know if there are similar set-ups in European, Central Asian (now wouldn't that be a hoot? beacons in Chuvash. Or Azerbaijani. Hmmm....) countries and the like. Seems we could all have a good time trying to df each other's sigs.

Obligatory QRP (as in: stay on topic, you fish-head lizard brain blithering idiot hippie reject commie dupe slime-ball looser geek!): "Worked" (gad, I hate that piece of semiotics!) Dan in Kettering (can't remember call 'cause he said it too fast and my medication was kicking in) after a 2.5 hour ramble through two bookstores (wanna buy a used MLA manual?). He was running I donno what and I was running about 1.5 watts. Two meteors, guys. That's the first time I've had a Q on the Farout Machine (ack! I like said machine... heh heh heh) in years. When you get to Dayton, try it: 147.735 in/147.135 out. WB8SMC.

So there. Kill me. Or pay me \$20. Only J.R. "Bob" Dobbs knows for sure, and he ain't talking. At least not this week.

YeeeeeeHah!

73

Nils

WB8IJN

And we now return you to your regularly scheduled research.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996

From: Steven Wilson <randyw@crl.com>

Subject: [2798] Re: Low Bander Heard!

Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960115071349.18040B-100000@crl13.crl.com>

WI on 188.700 khz is W3WI Pickens, SC. I believe.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996

From: "Jim Kortge, NU8N" <jokortge@sun.tir.com>

Subject: [2799] Re: MRF 475 substitutes

Message-ID: <9601151526.AA03072@tir.com>

At 07:57 PM 1/12/96 -0500, you wrote:

>Jim,

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>Thanks for the information on the transistors. Wonder if you would be kind
>enough to E-Mail me the address and phone number of Consolidated.

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>Thanks, Dick Dell, WD8ISB

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Hi Dick, I am always truly amazed how well the qrp-l gang works together to
pass info along and help each other. Neat! Consolidated Electronics is at
1-800-543-3568, and their FAX number is 1-513-252-4066. They are also open
in the evening until 7:00 PM EST to accomodate customers out on the west
coast. Talk about being customer oriented!!

Hope the info is what you were seeking. 72....Jim

Jim Kortge, NU8N		Bicycle Mobile Hams
jokortge@tir.com	__o	of America
Fenton, MI	_`\<,	Mizuho 17m/40m QRP SSB
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From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Scott Cranston <cranston@zk3.dec.com>
Subject: [2786] re: Speech processor/VOX for qrp+
Message-ID: <9601150310.AA09068@falpa.zk3.dec.com>

TEN-TEC T-KIT Speech Processor: kit # 1551 \$9.00

There is also a Desk Mike t_KIT (electret mike, op-amp preamplifier,
choice of PTT or VOX operation, PTT lock, uses 7-14 VDC from radio
or a 9V battery) Kit # 1201 \$49.00

TEN-TEC T-KIT orders: 1-800-833-7373
info: 615-453-7172

I don't have either of these, just passing on info after Bill's mail
reminded me of them.... thans Bill.

Scott,
KB1NW

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: PaulKB8N@aol.com
Message-ID: <960115132027_117151712@mail04.mail.aol.com>
Subject: Tuner Parts Kits

Gang,

I've been able to locate more parts for four more Pi-Net tuner parts kits.

The last ones went fast, and these are of equal or better quality. I have two rotary inductor kits, which includes an E. F. Johnson rotary inductor, input and output variable capacitors, two feet of #12 tinned copper wire for maximum efficiency, and a set of instructions. The two fixed-inductor kits are identical, except the inductor is varied by means of a shorting wire with alligator clip.

These tuners are easily built and will perform as well or better than anything you can buy either in a kit or assembled form. You provide the enclosure, knobs and connectors. Rotary inductor kit is \$30.00 and fixed inductor kit is \$25.00.

I spend hours digging in parts bins at swap meets to find quality parts, which are becoming increasingly hard to find. I do this on a not-for-profit basis to encourage homebrewing and promote effective QRP and low-power operation through efficient antenna matching. I hope this service will be of assistance to the community.

Thanks and 72/3, Paul, KB8N

--NAA29040.821730061/mail04.mail.aol.com--

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Paul Christensen <PaulC@jax.se.continental.com>
Subject: [2794] Re: Vanity calls
Message-ID: <30FA8540@se.continental.com>

>You can add NZ4I to your list as I'm giving it up and going back to my old
>call- W4WYT

N9AZ can be added too. I'm trading it in on a "real-man's" call sign!

-Paul, N9AZ

Randy Pelt
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Blacksburg, VA 24060
nz4i QRP-L #12

pelt@vt.edu
Home Phone 540-953-0540

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Bill Acito 15-Jan-1996 1319 <acito@asdg.ENET.dec.com>
Subject: [2808] re: VANITY CALLS
Message-ID: <9601151823.AA14199@us1rmc.bb.dec.com>

|But at at least tell your waiting audience WHY YOU WOULD DO THAT?

For me, mainly for weak signal work and contests. My call is nice
in SSB, but very long on CW.

I've been told there is a whole science to selecting letters for
calls (no e's in cw, two element letters {A, R, N, etc.}), for SSB
phoenetics with only two syllables (oscar, bravo, not november)).

I've looked... been thinking about it, not sure if I will. A 2x1
or 1x2 would be great for contests.

...and by the way, my initials are also available (W1PA).

...hmmm

: -)

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. - I own my own words -

Bill Acito

acito@asdg.enet.dec.com

|d|i|g|i|t|a|l| Digital Equipment Corporation Hudson, MA

KC1GS ... qrp-ne ... qrp-1 ... qrp-arci ... norcal ... arrl life ...

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: prvalko <prvalko@Oakland.edu>
Subject: [2812] Re: Vanity calls
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.91.960115162111.11116A-100000@vela.acs.oakland.edu>

On Mon, 15 Jan 1996, Paul Christensen wrote:

> N9AZ can be added too. I'm trading it in on a "real-man's" call sign!

With ALL due respect, what is your definition of a REAL MAN'S callsign?

73 =paul= wb8zjl

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: Paul Christensen <PaulC@jax.se.continental.com>
Subject: [2815] Re: Vanity calls
Message-ID: <30FAF6A5@se.continental.com>

PC> N9AZ can be added too. I'm trading it in on a "real-man's" call sign!

PVR> With ALL due respect, what is your definition of a REAL MAN'S callsign?

It always begins with a "W," followed immediately by a number. Heh heh....

-Paul, N9AZ

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: David Moody <MOODY@Admin.Rose-Hulman.Edu>
Subject: [2802] Re: vanity calsign
Message-ID: <01I01C5SPD788Y541G@ADMIN.Rose-Hulman.EDU>

> I think I'll try for W2QRP.
> It's not used, nor is it in any area..
> :-)..
> 73 WB8YGG

> Brad

Since it is a valid Q-signal, it won't be assigned. Well, that was the way it always used to be, and I don't think they will change.

72, David Moody, KD8NY

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It is up to you to know the difference.

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Tue Jan 16 03:22:00 1996
From: tdrumm@sparc.isl.net (Tony Drumm)
Subject: [2820] Re: Worldradio info
Message-ID: <199601160006.SAA03518@sparc.isl.net>

> Can someone please guide me in the direction of Worldradio, Phone number
> or address? Thanks much.
> Curt KA3IVB / from Pittsburgh

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If you haven't seen one, they're good about sending out a free issue to have
a look.

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